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13	UNITED STAT	TES DISTRICT COURT
14	NORTHERN DIS	STRICT OF CALIFORNIA
15	OMAR KAYED, JESUS PRADO, and SPENCER CARR, individually and on	Case No.: 23-CV-3728
16	behalf of all others similarly situated,	CLASS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION COMPLAINT
17	Plaintiffs,	ACTION COMI LAINT
18	vs.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
19	ODOO, INC. and Odoo, S.A.,	
20	Defendants.	
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Plaintiffs Omar Kayed, Jesus Prado, and Spencer Carr ("Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys Outten & Golden LLP, complaining of the conduct of Defendants Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. (collectively, "Odoo"), allege as follows:

INTRODUCTION

- 1. This lawsuit seeks to recover unpaid overtime compensation and other damages for Plaintiffs and similarly situated co-workers who have worked as exempt-classified inside salespeople at Odoo nationwide, in the job titles of Account Executive, Account Manager, Channel Account Manager, Customer Success Manager, and other similar positions, however variously titled (collectively, "Sales Representatives").
- 2. Odoo is a business management software company with approximately 10 offices around the world. Its main United States office is in San Francisco, California.
- 3. Odoo sells software to business clients worldwide. Odoo employs Sales Representatives, such as Plaintiffs, to make sales to current and prospective clients.
- 4. Odoo requires its Sales Representatives to meet daunting productivity requirements, including multiple monthly sales quotas, forcing Plaintiffs and similarly situated employees to work long hours, often in excess of 8 hours per workday and 40 hours per workweek in order to complete required tasks.
- 5. While employed by Odoo, Plaintiffs consistently worked more than 8 hours per day and more than 40 hours per workweek without receiving overtime compensation for all the hours they worked. Throughout the relevant period, it was Odoo's policy to deprive Plaintiffs of their earned overtime wages in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA"), 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, et seq.; the California Labor Code ("Cal. Lab. Code") and applicable Wage Orders and regulations, and the California Unfair Business Practices Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17200, et seq. (collectively, the "California Wage Laws" and "California Wage Claims"); and the New York Labor Law, Article 6, §§ 190 et seq. and Article 19, §§ 650 et seq. ("NYLL") and supporting New York State Department of Labor regulations (collectively, the "New York Wage Laws" and "New York Wage Claims").

1	15.	By agreement dated October 21, 2022, Odoo agreed to toll the statutes of limitations
2	for FLSA, Ca	alifornia Wage Laws, the New York Wage Law, and PAGA claims on behalf or
3	Plaintiffs and	similarly situated Sales Representatives from October 21, 2022 to July 27, 2023.
4		JURISDICTION & VENUE
5	16.	This Court has federal question jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' FLSA claims pursuant
6	to 28 U.S.C. §	§ 1331 and Section 16(b) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
7	17.	This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C
8	§ 1367 becaus	se the state law claims and the federal claims are so closely related that they form par
9	of the same ca	ase or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.
10	18.	This Court is empowered to issue a declaratory judgment pursuant to 28 U.S.C
11	§§ 2201 and 2	2202.
12	19.	Venue is proper in the Northern District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C
13	§ 1391(b) bed	cause Odoo is headquartered in this District and a substantial part of the events or
14	omissions giv	ing rise to Plaintiffs' claims occurred in this District.
15	20.	Intradistrict assignment: Pursuant to N.D. Cal. Local Rule 3-2(c) and (d)
16	intradistrict a	ssignment to the San Francisco and Oakland Divisions is proper because Odoo is
17	headquartered	I in San Francisco County and a substantial part of the events that give rise to the
18	claims asserte	ed occurred in San Francisco County.
19	DI LUCCO	THE PARTIES
20	Plaintiff Oma	r Kayed
21	21.	Plaintiff Kayed is a resident of Alameda County, California.
22	22.	Mr. Kayed was employed by Odoo in its San Francisco, California office as ar
23	Account Exec	eutive from March 2019 to May 2021.
24	23.	At all times relevant to the Class and Collective Action Complaint, Mr. Kayed was
25	an "employee	" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
26	24.	Mr. Kayed regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek but was not paid
27	for all hours 1	ne worked over 40. Illustratively, to the best of his recollection, during the second

week of April 2019, Plaintiff Kayed worked approximately 20 overtime hours without overtime

Plaintiff Prado is a resident of San Mateo County, California.

A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Kayed is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Mr. Prado was employed by Odoo in its San Francisco, California office as a

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Plaintiff Jesus Prado

6	Customer Success Manager from March 2021 to December 2021.
7	28. At all times relevant to the Class and Collective Action Complaint, Mr. Prado was
8	an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
9	29. Mr. Prado regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek but was not paid for
10	all hours he worked over 40. Illustratively, to the best of his recollection, during the week of March
11	22, 2021, Plaintiff Prado worked approximately 15 overtime hours without overtime compensation.
12	30. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Prado is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
13	Plaintiff Spencer Carr
14	31. Plaintiff Carr is a resident of New York.
15	32. Mr. Carr was employed by Odoo in its Buffalo, New York office as an Account
16	Executive from August 2021 to November 2021.
17	33. At all times relevant to the Class and Collective Action Complaint, Mr. Prado was
18	an "employee" within the meaning of all applicable statutes.
19	34. Mr. Carr regularly worked more than 40 hours in a workweek but was not paid for
20	all hours he worked over 40. Illustratively, to the best of his recollection, during the week of
21	September 27, 2021, Plaintiff Carr worked approximately five overtime hours without overtime
22	compensation.
23	35. A written consent form signed by Plaintiff Carr is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
24	Defendants
25	36. Odoo is a single company with offices in various countries, including two United
26	States offices in San Francisco, California and Buffalo, New York.
27	37. Upon information and belief, Defendants Odoo, S.A., the Belgian parent entity, and
28	Odoo, Inc., the United States subsidiary, do business jointly under the brand name, trade name, or
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mark "Odoo."

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interrelated activities so as to constitute an economic unit directed to the accomplishment of a common business purpose, namely the sale of Odoo's proprietary business applications to customers around the world.

Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. have organized their

- 39. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. operate in concert, in a common enterprise, and through related activities so that the actions of one may be imputed to the other and/or so that they each act as employers and operate as a single enterprise and/or joint employers within the meaning of the FLSA.
- 40. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. each act directly or indirectly in the interest of the other in relation to Sales Representatives, and Defendants share control of Sales Representatives, directly or indirectly, by reason of the fact that one Defendant controls and/or is controlled by the other Defendant.
- 41. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. jointly hold themselves out as employers of Sales Representatives throughout the United States.
- 42. Upon information and belief, Odoo operates a common website for the Belgian parent and subsidiary locations, which Odoo describes on its website as "offices" of Odoo. Upon information and belief, this website lists officers and directors of both Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. as members of "The Executive Team."
- 43. Applicants can apply to jobs at Odoo from the website and filter by department and location, including to San Francisco, California, Buffalo, New York, and other international locations.
- 44. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. maintain joint control over human resources and compensation policies that apply to Sales Representatives throughout the United States.
- 45. Upon information and belief, Odoo distributes a "Survival guide for applying to Odoo" to applicants and a "Survival guide for Odooers" to new hires, including to applicants and hew hires in the United States. The "Survival guide for applying" refers to Odoo, S.A. as "the

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company." It states that its headquarters is in Belgium and lists Odoo offices as including offices in the United States. It includes information about Odoo's product and terms and conditions of work like culture and values, management style, career path, and salaries. The "Survival guide for Odooers" refers to the company as "Odoo" and states that its headquarters is in Belgium and lists Odoo offices as including offices in the United States. It also includes information about Odoo's product and terms and conditions of work like culture and values, management style, career path, and salaries, and also provides common human resources policies, as well as specific policies for the United States, Hong Kong, and other offices.

- 46. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. each, directly or indirectly and jointly or severally, directed the terms of employment and compensation of Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former Sales Representatives employed by Odoo throughout the United States.
- 47. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. and Odoo, Inc. have had the power to control the terms and conditions of the employment and compensation of Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former Sales Representatives nationwide, and have shared control over the terms and conditions of Sales Representatives' employment and their compensation.
- 48. Upon information and belief, Odoo holds regular all-hands meetings for employees worldwide.

Defendant Odoo, S.A.

- 49. Odoo, S.A. is a public limited company organized under the laws of Belgium and headquartered in Belgium.
- 50. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. is the parent company of defendant Odoo, Inc.
- 51. At all relevant times, Odoo, S.A. was Plaintiffs' and other Sales Representatives' "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA and all other applicable statutes.
- 52. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. has maintained control, oversight, and direction over its operations and employment practices.
 - 53. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. maintains control over human resources

and compensation policies that apply to Sales Representatives in the United States.

- 54. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, Odoo, S.A. has maintained control, oversight, and direction over Plaintiffs and other Sales Representatives, including pay structure, overtime exempt status, benefits policies, metrics and expectations for sales performance, work hours, and other employment practices that applied to them.
- 55. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A has had the power to control the terms and conditions of the employment and compensation of Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former Sales Representatives throughout the United States and has controlled the terms and conditions of Sales Representatives' employment and their compensation.
- 56. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. dictates and controls labor relations and employment policies and practices in Odoo's California and New York offices, from generally applicable policies, such as the compensation structure and the decision to classify Plaintiffs and Class Members as exempt from overtime, to day-to-day decisions, such as salary increases and the conduct of all-hands meetings.
- 57. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. has applied the same employment policies, practices, and procedures to all Sales Representatives throughout the United States, including policies, practices, and procedures with respect to payment of overtime compensation.
- 58. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. distributes a "Survival guide for applying to Odoo" to applicants and a "Survival guide for Odooers" to new hires, including to applicants and hew hires in the United States. The "Survival guide for applying" refers to Odoo, S.A. as "the company." It states that its headquarters is in Belgium and lists Odoo offices as including offices in the United States. It includes information about Odoo's product and terms and conditions of work like culture and values, management style, career path, and salaries. The "Survival guide for Odooers" refers to the company as "Odoo" and states that its headquarters is in Belgium and lists Odoo offices as including offices in the United States. It also includes information about Odoo's product and terms and conditions of work like culture and values, management style, career path, and salaries, and also provides common human resources policies, as well as specific policies for the United States, Hong Kong, and other offices.

- 59. Upon information and belief, Chief Executive Officer of Odoo, S.A. Fabien Pinckaers manages Odoo, Inc, and Director of the Americas Fabrice Henrion reports to Pinckaers.
- 60. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. holds regular all-hands meetings for its global workforce, including employees in the United States. Odoo, Inc. additionally holds all-hands meetings for United States employees. Odoo, S.A. Chief Executive Officer Fabien Pinckaers at times attends and leads United States all-hands meetings.
- 61. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A. closely monitors sales activity in its United States offices. Plaintiffs and Class Members created monthly forecasts of their sales activity in Microsoft Excel, which was sent to Belgian headquarters and reviewed by Odoo, S.A. Plaintiffs and Class Members recorded their individual sales in a single company-wide spreadsheet that included entries from offices in other countries.
- 62. Upon information and belief, Odoo, S.A.'s annual gross volume of business is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).

Defendant Odoo, Inc.

- 63. Odoo, Inc. is a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal place of business in San Francisco, California.
 - 64. Upon information and belief, Odoo Inc. is a subsidiary of Defendant Odoo, S.A.
- 65. At all relevant times, Odoo, Inc. was Plaintiffs' and other Sales Representatives' "employer" within the meaning of the FLSA and all other applicable statutes.
- 66. Upon information and belief, Odoo, Inc. has maintained control, oversight, and direction over operations and employment practices.
- 67. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times, Odoo, Inc. maintained control, oversight, and direction over Plaintiffs and other Sales Representatives, including timekeeping, payroll, pay structure, overtime exempt status, benefits policies, metrics and expectations for sales performance, work hours, and other employment practices that applied to them.
- 68. Upon information and belief, Odoo, Inc. has had control over the terms and conditions of the employment and compensation of Plaintiffs and other similarly situated current and former Sales Representatives in the United States.

- 69. Upon information and belief, Odoo, Inc. has control over labor relations and employment policies and practices in Odoo's California and New York offices.
- 70. Upon information and belief, Odoo, Inc. has applied the same employment policies, practices, and procedures to all Sales Representatives nationwide, including policies, practices, and procedures with respect to payment of overtime compensation.
- 71. Upon information and belief, Odoo, Inc.'s annual gross volume of business is not less than \$500,000 within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 203(s)(A)(ii).

FLSA COLLECTIVE ACTION CLAIMS

- 72. Plaintiffs bring the First Cause of Action pursuant to the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), on behalf of themselves and all similarly situated persons who work or have worked for Odoo as exempt-classified Sales Representatives nationwide since October 21, 2019 and who elect to optin to this action ("FLSA Collective").
- 73. Upon information and belief, there are hundreds of current and former Sales Representatives who are similarly situated to Plaintiffs and were denied overtime compensation.
- 74. Plaintiffs are acting on behalf of Odoo's current and former Sales Representatives' interests as well as their own interests in bringing this action.
- 75. Odoo has unlawfully required Plaintiffs and other individuals employed as Sales Representatives to work in excess of 40 hours per week without paying them overtime compensation at a rate of at least one and one-half times their regular hourly rate for all overtime hours worked. Upon information and belief, Odoo applied the same unlawful policies and practices to its Sales Representatives nationwide.
- 76. The FLSA Collective members are readily identifiable and locatable through the use of the Odoo's records. The FLSA Collective should be notified of and allowed to opt in to this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b). Unless the Court promptly issues such a notice, the FLSA Collective, who have been unlawfully deprived of overtime pay in violation of the FLSA, will be unable to secure compensation to which they are entitled, and which has been unlawfully withheld from them by Odoo.

CALIFORNIA CLASS ALLEGATIONS

77. California Plaintiffs bring the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Causes of Action, the California Wage Claims, on their own behalf and as a class action, pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b), on behalf of the following class of persons:

All Sales Representatives who are currently or have been employed by Odoo in the State of California at any time since October 21, 2018 through the entry of judgment in this case (hereinafter referred to as the "California Class" and the "California Class Period," respectively).

- 78. Excluded from the California Class are Odoo's legal representatives, officers, directors, assigns, and successors, or any individual who has, or who at any time during the class period has had, a controlling interest in Odoo; the Judge(s) to whom this case is assigned and any member of the Judge(s)' immediate family; and all persons who will submit timely and otherwise proper requests for exclusion from the California Class.
- 79. The persons in the California Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Although the precise number of such persons is unknown, the facts on which the calculation of that number can be based are presently within the sole control of Odoo.
- 80. Upon information and belief, the size of the California Class is at least 100 individuals.
- 81. The Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Causes of Action are properly maintainable as a class action under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Common questions of law and fact exist as to the California Class that predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the California Class, including but not limited to:
 - a. Whether Odoo has unlawfully failed to pay the California Class members all
 overtime compensation owed, in violation of the California Labor Code and
 related regulations;
 - b. Whether Odoo has unlawfully failed to keep and furnish the California Class members with timely, accurate, and itemized records of hours worked in violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 226 and 1174;

- c. Whether Odoo has unlawfully failed to timely pay wages due during employment and upon separation in violation of Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, and 204;
- d. Whether Odoo has failed to reimburse the California Class members for reasonable and necessary business expenses in violation of Cal. Labor Code § 2802;
- e. Whether Odoo has violated the California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus & Prof. Code §§ 17200, *et seq.*; and
- f. the nature and extent of the California Class members' injuries and the appropriate measure of their damages.
- 82. California Plaintiffs fairly and adequately protect the interests of the California Class and have no interests antagonistic to the class. California Plaintiffs are represented by attorneys who are experienced and competent in both class litigation and employment litigation.
- 83. A class is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, particularly in the context of wage-and-hour litigation where an individual plaintiff lacks the financial resources to vigorously prosecute a lawsuit in federal court against the corporate defendant. The damages sustained by individual class members are small compared to the expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation. Class action treatment will obviate unduly duplicative litigation and the possibility of inconsistent judgments.
- 84. Further, California Plaintiffs and the California Class have been equally affected by Odoo's failure to pay proper wages and other violations. Moreover, members of the California Class still employed by Odoo may be reluctant to raise individual claims for fear of retaliation.
- 85. Odoo has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the California Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a whole.
- 86. California Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the California Class. California Plaintiffs and the other California Class members were subjected to Odoo's policies, practices, programs, procedures, protocols, and plans alleged herein concerning the failure to pay proper wages and the failure to keep adequate records.

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87. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation – particularly in the context of wage litigation like the present action, where individual plaintiffs may lack the financial resources to vigorously prosecute a lawsuit in federal court against a corporate defendant. The members of the California Class have been damaged and are entitled to recovery as a result of Odoo's common and uniform policies, practices, and procedures. Although the relative damages suffered by individual members of the California Class are not de minimis, such damages are small compared to the expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation. In addition, class treatment is superior because it will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that might result in inconsistent judgments about Odoo's practices.

NEW YORK CLASS ALLEGATIONS

88. Plaintiff Carr brings the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Causes of Action, the New York Wage Claims, under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on his own behalf and as a class action, pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 23(a) and (b), on behalf of the following class of persons:

All Sales Representatives who are currently or have been employed by Odoo in the State of New York at any time since October 21, 2016 through the entry of judgment in this case (hereinafter referred to as the "New York Class" and the "New York Class Period," respectively).

- 89. Excluded from the New York Class are Odoo's legal representatives, officers, directors, assigns, and successors, or any individual who has, or who at any time during the class period has had, a controlling interest in Odoo; the Judge(s) to whom this case is assigned and any member of the Judge(s)' immediate family; and all persons who submit timely and otherwise proper requests for exclusion from the New York Class.
- 90. The members of the New York Class identified above are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Although Plaintiff Carr does not know the precise number of such persons, the facts on which the calculation of that number can be based are presently within the sole control of Odoo.
- 91. Upon information and belief, the size of the New York Class is at least 40 individuals.

1	92.	Odoo	has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the New York
2	Class, thereby	y makir	ng final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief appropriate with
3	respect to the	New Y	ork Class as a whole.
4	93.	The E	gighth, Ninth, and Tenth Causes of Action are properly maintainable as a class
5	action under	Fed. R.	Civ. P. 23(b)(3). Common questions of law and fact exist as to the New York
6	Class that pre	edomina	ate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the New York
7	Class, includi	ing but	not limited to:
8		a.	Whether Odoo violated the New York Wage Laws;
9		b.	Whether Odoo failed to properly compensate Plaintiff Carr and the New
10	York Class fo	or all ho	ours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek;
11		c.	Whether Odoo failed to keep true and accurate time records for all hours
12	worked by Pl	laintiff (Carr and the New York Class;
13		d.	What proof of hours worked is sufficient where an employer fails in its duty
14	to maintain tr	rue and	accurate time records;
15		e.	Whether Odoo complied with the NYLL's wage statement requirement with
16	respect to Pla	aintiff C	arr and the New York Class;
17		f.	Whether Odoo complied with the NYLL's wage notice requirement with
18	respect to Pla	aintiff C	arr and the New York Class
19		g.	Whether Odoo failed to provide Plaintiff Carr and the New York Class with
20	accurate wag	ge statem	nents;
21		h.	Whether Odoo failed to provide Plaintiff Carr and the New York Class with
22	wage notices	upon hi	ire; and
23		i.	The nature and extent of New York Class-wide injury and the appropriate
24	measure of da	amages	for the New York Class.
25	94.	Plaint	iff Carr's claims are typical of the claims of the New York Class he seeks to
26	represent.		
27	95.	Plaint	iff Carr and the New York Class members work, or have worked, for Odoo as
28	Sales Represe	entative	s and have been subjected to their policy and pattern or practice of failing to

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pay proper overtime wages for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per workweek.

- 96. Plaintiff Carr and the New York Class members work, or have worked, for Odoo as Sales Representatives and have been subjected to their policy and pattern or practice of failing to provide accurate wage statements.
- 97. Plaintiff Carr and the New York Class members enjoy the same statutory rights under the New York Wage Laws, including the right to be paid overtime wages for all overtime hours worked. Plaintiff Carr and the New York Class members have all sustained similar types of damages as a result of Odoo's failure to comply with the New York Wage Laws. Plaintiff Carr and the New York Class members have all been injured in that Odoo has undercompensated them due to Odoo's common policies, practices, and patterns of conduct.
- 98. Plaintiff Carr fairly and adequately protects the interests of the New York Class and has no interests antagonistic to the class. Plaintiff Carr is represented by attorneys who are experienced and competent in both class litigation and employment litigation.
- 99. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation – particularly in the context of wage litigation like the present action, where individual plaintiffs may lack the financial resources to vigorously prosecute a lawsuit in federal court against a corporate defendant. The members of the New York Class have been damaged and are entitled to recovery as a result of Odoo's common and uniform policies, practices, and procedures. Although the relative damages suffered by individual members of the New York Class are not de minimis, such damages are small compared to the expense and burden of individual prosecution of this litigation. In addition, class treatment is superior because it will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that might result in inconsistent judgments about Odoo's practices.

COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

100. Plaintiffs and the members of the FLSA Collective, the California Class, and the New York Class (collectively, "Class Members") have been victims of Odoo's common policy and plan that has violated their rights under the FLSA, the California Wage Laws, and the New York Wage Laws by requiring Sales Representatives to work in excess of 40 hours per week and in At all times relevant, Odoo's unlawful policy and pattern or practice has been willful.

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excess of 8 hours per day and denying them overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.

Odoo employs Sales Representative to sell its software products.

Sales Representatives' primary duties are and were non-exempt duties, specifically,

5	identifying business opportunities, engaging with current and potential customers by phone and
6	email, and making sales of Odoo's software services.
7	103. The duties of Plaintiffs and Sales Representatives do not fall under any of the
8	exemptions under federal or state overtime laws.
9	104. Sales Representatives do and did not meet customers in person but rather spend
10	virtually all of their time performing inside sales work via phone and email.
11	105. Although Plaintiffs and other Sales Representatives are and were eligible to earn
12	commissions based on various performance indicators, these commissions did not constitute most
13	of their earnings.
14	106. Throughout their employment, Plaintiffs and Class Members consistently worked
15	more than 40 hours per week and 8 hours per day.
16	107. Odoo sets sales quotas and daily, weekly, and monthly productivity metrics for Sales
17	Representatives to meet.
18	108. Odoo has disciplined Sales Representatives for failure to meet the required quotas
19	and productivity metrics.
20	109. Plaintiffs worked and Sales Representatives worked and work overtime hours to
21	meet Odoo's job requirements, make sales, and attempt to meet the quotas and sales metrics Odoo
22	sets.
23	110. Odoo's customers are located in various time zones in the United States and Latin
24	America. On information and belief, Odoo requires Sales Representatives to schedule sales
25	meetings early in the morning or late at night to accommodate customers' schedules.
26	111. All of the work performed by Class Members was assigned by Odoo, and Odoo was
27	aware that Plaintiffs and Class Members worked more than 40 hours per workweek and 8 hours per
28	day, yet Odoo failed to pay them any overtime compensation.
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1	112. Odoo did not keep accurate record of hours worked by Plaintiffs and Sales
2	Representatives.
3	113. Upon information and belief, Odoo has and had a policy and pattern or practice of
4	requiring Plaintiffs and Class Members to work in excess of 8 hours per workday, or 40 hours per
5	week, without proper overtime compensation.
6	114. Odoo failed to pay Plaintiffs and failed and fails to pay Class Members time and
7	one-half for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek in violation of the FLSA.
8	115. Odoo failed to pay Plaintiffs and failed and fails to pay California Class members
9	compensation for all of their overtime hours worked, including for any of the overtime hours they
10	worked over 8 in a workday and over 40 in a workweek.
11	116. Odoo failed to furnish Plaintiffs and failed and fails to furnish California Class
12	members and New York Class members with an accurate itemized statement showing, inter alia,
13	wages, hours worked, and rates paid as required by the California Wage Laws and the New York
14	Wage Laws.
15	117. By providing inaccurate wage statements to Plaintiffs, California Class
16	members, and New York Class members, Odoo deprived Plaintiffs, California Class members,
17	and New York Class members of information that could have permitted them to determine the
18	extent of their underpayment.
19	118. Odoo failed to furnish Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members with wage
20	notices at the time of their hire, as required by the NYLL, Article 6, § 195(1).
21	119. By failing to provide wage notices and/or proper wage notices to Plaintiff Carr and
22	New York Class members while withholding pay for overtime hours worked, Odoo made it more
23	difficult for Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members to confirm that they were being paid
24	accurately and adequately both under applicable law and the terms of their employment with Odoo.
25	120. Odoo failed to timely pay California Plaintiffs and California Class members all
26	overtime wages earned and unpaid at the time of separation from employment.

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Odoo are entitled to unpaid overtime compensation, but to date have not received such

California Plaintiffs and all California Class members who ceased employment with

1	compensation.
2	122. Odoo failed to timely pay California Plaintiffs and California Class Members all
3	wages due and payable, including overtime, twice during each calendar month, on days designated
4	in advance by the employer as regular pay days.
5	123. Odoo required California Plaintiffs and required and requires California Class
6	members to use their personal home internet for business purposes and did not reimburse them for
7	a reasonable percentage of their home internet bills.
8	124. California Plaintiffs' and California Class Members' legal remedies for the conduct
9	challenged herein are inadequate because their equitable claims under the UCL are subject to a
10	four-year statute of limitations, whereas their legal claims under the Labor Code are subject to a
11	three-year statute of limitations.
12	125. As part of its regular business practice, Odoo has intentionally, willfully, and
13	repeatedly engaged in a pattern, practice, and/or policy that violates the FLSA, the California Wage
14	Laws, and the New York Wage Laws.
15	126. Odoo's policy and pattern or practice includes but is not limited to:
16	a. Willfully misclassifying Plaintiffs and Class Members as exempt from the
17	protections of federal and state overtime laws;
18	b. Willfully failing to record all of the time that its employees, including
19	Plaintiffs and Class Members, worked for the benefit of Odoo;
20	c. Willfully failing to keep payroll records as required by the FLSA,
21	California Wage Laws, and New York Wage Laws;
22	d. Willfully failing to pay its employees, including Plaintiffs and Class
23	Members, overtime wages for all of the overtime hours that they worked; and
24	e. Willfully failing to timely pay wages as required by the California Wage
25	Laws.
26	127. Odoo was or should have been aware that that the federal and state wage and hour
27	laws required Odoo to pay its Sales Representatives overtime compensation for all hours worked
28	in excess of 40 per week.

any overtime exemption under the FLSA or state wage and hour laws.

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Odoo was aware, or should have been aware, that Plaintiffs and other Sales

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138. As a consequence of the willful underpayment of wages, alleged above, Plaintiffs and members of the FLSA Collective have incurred damages thereby and Odoo is indebted to them in the amount of the unpaid overtime compensation, together with interest, liquidated damages, attorneys' fees, and costs in an amount to be determined at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

California Wage Laws – Overtime Wages
California Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 & 7-2001; Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1194, 1198
(Brought by California Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)

- 139. California Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 140. California law requires employers, such as Odoo, to pay overtime compensation to all non-exempt employees for all hours worked over 40 per workweek and over 8 per day.
- 141. Plaintiffs and California Class members are non-exempt employees entitled to be paid overtime compensation for all overtime hours worked.
- 142. At all relevant times, California Plaintiffs and California Class members worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek and 8 hours in a workday.
- 143. At all relevant times, Odoo failed and refused to pay California Plaintiffs and California Class members overtime compensation for all of their overtime hours worked.
- 144. As a direct and proximate result of Odoo's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein, California Plaintiffs and California Class members have sustained damages, including loss of earnings for hours of overtime worked for the benefit of Odoo in an amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest, and costs and attorneys' fees, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.
- 145. California Plaintiffs and California Class Members' legal remedies for their unpaid overtime wages are inadequate because their equitable claims under the UCL are subject to a four-year statute of limitations, whereas their legal claims under the Labor Code are subject to a three-year statute of limitations.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

California Wage Laws – Record-Keeping Violations California Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 & 7-2001; Cal. Lab. Code § 226 (Brought by California Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)

- 146. California Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 147. Odoo knowingly and intentionally failed to provide timely, accurate, itemized wage statements including, inter alia, all hours worked, to California Plaintiffs and California Class members in accordance with California Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and 7-2001 and California Labor Code § 226(a). Such failure caused injury to California Plaintiffs and California Class members, by, among other things, impeding them from knowing the amount of wages to which they are and were entitled.
- 148. Odoo's failure to provide accurate wage statements is "knowing and intentional" under Labor Code § 226(e) because Odoo knows that its wage statements do not accurately report hours worked or accurately report gross and net wages earned. California Plaintiffs and California Class members suffer injury as a result of Odoo's violation of Labor Code § 226 because California Plaintiffs and California Class members cannot promptly and easily determine from the wage statement alone their hours worked and actual total gross and net wages earned.
- 149. California Plaintiffs and California Class members are entitled to and seek injunctive relief requiring Odoo to comply with California Labor Code §§ 226(a) and further seek the amount provided under California Labor Code §§ 226(e) including the greater of all actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in which a violation occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee for each violation in a subsequent pay period not to exceed an aggregate penalty of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per employee, as well as costs and attorneys' fees.

1	FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION California Wage Laws – Wage Payment Provisions Cal. Lab. Cada \$5,201,202, 8,203
2	Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201, 202, & 203 (Brought by California Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)
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4	150. California Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all
5	preceding paragraphs.
6	151. California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 require Odoo to pay its employees all wages
7	due upon termination within the time specified by law. California Labor Code § 203 provides that
8	if an employer willfully fails to timely pay such wages, the employer must continue to pay the
9	subject employees' wages until the back wages are paid in full or an action is commenced, up to a
10	maximum of thirty (30) days of wages.
11	152. Odoo's failure to pay timely wages at separation is willful under Labor Code § 203
12	because Odoo knew or should have known that California Plaintiffs and California Class members
13	worked overtime hours, yet it failed to pay them overtime premiums for the work they performed
14	upon the termination of their employment.
15	153. California Plaintiffs and all California Class members who ceased employment with
16	Odoo are entitled to unpaid overtime compensation, but to date have not received such
17	compensation.
18	154. More than thirty (30) days have passed since California Plaintiffs and certain
19	California Class members left Odoo's employ.
20	155. California Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and California Class members, seek
21	waiting time penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 203, attorneys' fees and costs, and such
22	other legal and equitable relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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24	FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Failure to Timely Pay Wages by Each Payroll Period, Cal. Labor Code §§ 204, 210,
25	(Brought by California Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)
26	156. California Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all
27	preceding paragraphs.
28	157. California Labor Code § 204 requires Odoo to timely pay California Plaintiffs and

California Class members "all wages," including their earned overtime premiums by the payroll

2	periods specified by the statute.
3	158. Odoo's failure to timely pay California Plaintiffs and California Class members their
4	wages earned by each payroll period was and is willful. Odoo knew or should have known that
5	California Plaintiffs and California Class members were not paid for their overtime hours worked,
6	yet it failed to pay them their earned wages within the payroll periods specified by the statute.
7	159. California Labor Code § 210(a) provides that employers who fail to pay wages as
8	provided in § 204 are subject to statutory penalties of: (1) one hundred dollars (\$100) for each
9	failure to pay each employee for any initial violation; and (2) two hundred dollars (\$200) for each
10	failure to pay each employee, plus 25 percent of the amount unlawfully withheld, for each
11	subsequent violation, or any willful or intentional violation.
12	160. California Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the California Class members,
13	seek penalties pursuant to California Labor Code § 210, attorneys' fees and costs, and such other
14	legal and equitable relief as the Court deems just and proper.
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16	<u>SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> California Wage Laws – Business Expenses
17	Cal. Labor Code § 2802; Cal. Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 & 7-2001
18	(Brought by California Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)
19	161. California Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all
20	preceding paragraphs.
21	162. California Labor Code § 2802 provides that "[a]n employer shall indemnify his or
22	her employee for all necessary expenditures or losses incurred by the employee in direct
23	consequence of the discharge of his or her duties."
24	163. Odoo failed to indemnify and reimburse California Plaintiffs and the California
25	Class members for necessary expenditures, including but not limited to personal home internet use,
26	that they incurred as a direct result of the duties they performed for Odoo's benefit and/or at Odoo's
27	direction.
28	164. As a result, California Plaintiffs seek unreimbursed expenses, penalties, interest,
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1	costs incurred, and attorneys' fees pursuant to California Labor Code § 2802(b).	
2	165. California Plaintiffs and California Class Members' legal remedies for their	
3	unreimbursed expenses are inadequate because their equitable claims under the UCL are subject to	
4	a four-year statute of limitations, whereas their legal claims under the Labor Code are subject to a	
5	three-year statute of limitations.	
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7	<u>SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> California Wage Laws – Unfair Competition	
8	California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq. (Brought by California Plaintiffs Individually and on Behalf of the California Class)	
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10	166. California Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all allegations in all	
11	preceding paragraphs.	
12	167. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, violates the California Unfair Competition Law	
13	("UCL"). The UCL prohibits unfair competition by prohibiting, inter alia, any unlawful or unfair	
14	business acts or practices.	
15	168. Odoo committed, and continued to commit, acts of unfair competition, as defined	
16	by the UCL, by, among other things, engaging in the acts and practices described herein. Odoo's	
17	conduct as alleged herein has injured California Plaintiffs and California Class members by	
18	wrongfully denying them earned wages, and therefore was substantially injurious to them.	
19	169. Odoo engaged in unfair competition in violation of the UCL by violating, inter alia,	
20	each of the following laws. Each of these violations constitutes an independent and separate	
21	violation of the UCL:	
22	a. Failure to pay overtime compensation in violation of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201,	
23	et seq. and Cal. Lab. Code §§ 510, 1194, 1198, and Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and	
24	7-2001;	
25	b. Failure to timely pay wages due to California Plaintiffs and separated California	
26	Class members upon termination of employment Cal. Lab. Code §§ 201-203;	
27	c. Failure to timely pay wages due to California Plaintiffs and California Class	
28	members by the payroll periods specified by the statute in violation of Cal. Lab.	
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1	Code § 204;
2	d. Failure to keep proper payroll records and provide accurate wages statements in
3	violation of Cal. Lab. Code §§ 226, 1174, and Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and 7-
4	2001;
5	e. Failure to provide for the reimbursement of California Plaintiffs and California
6	Class members' expenses incurred while carrying out their employment or to
7	comply with Odoo's requirements, in violation of Cal. Lab. Code § 2802 and
8	Wage Order Nos. 4-2001 and 7-2001.
9	170. Odoo's course of conduct, acts, and practices in violation of the California laws
10	mentioned in the above paragraph constitute a separate and independent violation of the UCL.
11	Odoo's conduct described herein violates the policy or spirit of such laws or otherwise significantly
12	threatens or harms competition.
13	171. The unlawful and unfair business practices and acts of Odoo, described above, have
14	injured Plaintiffs and California Class members in that they were wrongfully denied the payment
15	of earned overtime wages.
16	172. California Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the California Class, seek
17	recovery of attorneys' fees and costs of this action to be paid by Odoo, as provided by the UCL and
18	California Labor Code §§ 218, 218.5, and 1194.
19	173. California Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the California Class, seek
20	restitution in the amount of the respective unpaid wages earned and due, including for unpaid
21	overtime at a rate not less than one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for work performed
22	in excess of 40 hours in a workweek, or 8 hours in a day, and double the regular rate of pay for
23	work performed in excess of 12 hours per day.
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2	<u>EIGTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> New York Wage Laws – Unpaid Overtime
3	NYLL §§ 190, et seq.; 650, et seq.; 12 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 142-2.2
4	(Brought by Plaintiff Carr Individually and on Behalf of the New York Class)
5	174. Plaintiff Carr realleges and incorporates by reference all allegations in all preceding
6	paragraphs.
7	175. Odoo employed Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members for workweeks longer
8	than 40 hours and willfully failed to compensate Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members for
9	all of their time worked in excess of 40 hours per week, at a rate of at least one and one-half times
10	their regular hourly rate, in violation of the requirements of the New York Wage Laws.
11	176. By the course of conduct set forth above, Odoo has violated NYLL §§ 190 et seq.,
12	id. §§ 650 et seq.; 12 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 142-2.2.
13	177. Odoo failed to keep, make, preserve, maintain, and/or furnish accurate records of
14	time worked by Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members.
15	178. Odoo has a policy and practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation for all
16	hours worked to Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members.
17	179. Odoo's failure to pay proper overtime compensation to Plaintiff Carr and New York
18	Class members was willful within the meaning of NYLL §§ 198, 663.
19	180. As a direct and proximate result of Odoo's unlawful conduct, as set forth herein,
20	Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members have sustained damages, including loss of earnings
21	for hours of overtime worked for the benefit of Odoo in an amount to be established at trial,
22	prejudgment interest, and costs and attorneys' fees, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.
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NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NYLL, Article 6, §§ 190 et seq. – Failure to Provide Accurate Wage Statements (Brought by Plaintiff Carr Individually and on Behalf of the New York Class)

- 181. Plaintiff Carr realleges and incorporates by reference herein all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- 182. On information and belief, Odoo failed to supply Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members with accurate statements of wages as required by NYLL § 195(3), containing, inter alia, all hours worked. Such failure caused injury to Plaintiffs and New York Class Members, by, among other things, impeding them from knowing the amount of wages to which they are and were entitled.
- 183. Due to Odoo's violations of NYLL § 195(3), Plaintiff Carr and New York Class members are each entitled to damages of \$250 for each work day that Odoo failed to provide accurate wage statements, or a total of \$5,000 per class member, as provided for by NYLL § 198(1-d), reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive and declaratory relief.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NYLL, Article 6, §§ 190 et seq. – Failure to Provide Wage Notices (Brought by Plaintiff Carr Individually and on Behalf of the New York Class)

- 184. Plaintiff Carr realleges and incorporates by reference herein all allegations in all preceding paragraphs.
- York Class members with wage notices and/or with proper wage notices at the time of their hire, as required by the NYLL, Article 6, § 195(1), in English or in the language identified as their primary language, containing the Plaintiff and New York Class members' rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, whether paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other; hourly rate or rates of pay and overtime rate or rates of pay if applicable; the regular pay day designated by the employer in accordance with NYLL, Article 6, § 191; the name of the employer; any "doing business as" names used by the employer; the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; the telephone number of the

1	employer; plu	us such other information as the commissioner deems material and necessary.
2	186.	Through their knowing or intentional failure to provide Plaintiff Carr and New York
3	Class member	ers with proper wage notices required by the NYLL, Odoo has willfully violated
4	NYLL, Artic	ele 6, §§ 190, et seq., and the supporting New York State Department of Labor
5	Regulations.	
6	187.	Due to Odoo's willful violations of NYLL, Article 6, § 195(1), Plaintiff Carr and
7	New York C	lass members are entitled to statutory penalties of \$50 for each workday that Odoo
3	failed to prov	vide them with wage notices, or up to a total of \$5,000, reasonable attorneys' fees,
9	costs, and inj	unctive and declaratory relief, as provided for by the NYLL, Article 6, § 198(1-b).
10		PRAYER FOR RELIEF
11	WHE	CREFORE , Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the FLSA Collective, request the
12	following rel	ief:
13	A.	Designation of this action as a collective action on behalf of the FLSA Collective
14		and prompt issuance of notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b) to all similarly situated
15		members of the FLSA Collective, apprising them of the pendency of this action, and
16		permitting them to assert timely FLSA claims in this action by filing individual
17		Consent to Join forms pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b);
18	B.	An award of damages, according to proof, including liquidated damages, to be paid
19		by Odoo;
20	C.	Appropriate equitable and injunctive relief to remedy violations, including but not
21		necessarily limited to an order enjoining Odoo from continuing its unlawful
22		practices under the FLSA and/or a declaration that Odoo's acts violate the FLSA;
23	D.	A reasonable service award for Plaintiffs to compensate them for the time they
24		spent attempting to recover wages for the FLSA Collective and for the risks they
25		took in doing so;
26	E.	Costs of the action incurred herein;
27	F.	Attorneys' fees, including fees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216;
28	G.	Post-judgment interest, as provided by law;
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1	Н.	Such other relief as this Court deems necessary, just, and proper.
2	WHE	REFORE, California Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of the California Class
3	request the fo	llowing relief:
4	A.	Certification of this action as a class action on behalf of the California Class;
5	В.	Designation of California Plaintiffs as Representatives of the California Class they
6		seek to represent;
7	C.	Designation of California Plaintiffs' counsel of record as Class Counsel for the
8		California Class;
9	D.	Appropriate statutory penalties;
10	E.	An award of damages, liquidated damages, and restitution to be paid by Odoo
11		according to proof;
12	F.	Appropriate equitable and injunctive relief to remedy violations, including but not
13		necessarily limited to an order enjoining Odoo from continuing its unlawfu
14		practices under the California Wage Laws and/or a declaration that Odoo's acts
15		violate the California Wage Laws;
16	G.	A reasonable service award to compensate California Plaintiffs for the time they
17		spent attempting to recover wages for California Class members and for the risks
18		they took in doing so;
19	H.	Attorneys' fees and costs of suit;
20	I.	Prejudgment and post-judgment interest, as provided by law; and
21	J.	Such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
22	WHE	REFORE, Plaintiff Carr, individually and on behalf of the New York Class,
23	requests the f	following relief:
24	A.	Certification of this action as a class action on behalf of the New York Class;
25	В.	Designation of Plaintiff Carr as Representative of the New York Class he seeks to
26		represent;
27	C.	Designation of Plaintiffs' counsel of record as Class Counsel for the New York
28		Class;

1	D.	Appropriate statutory penalties;
2	E.	An award of damages, according to proof, including liquidated damages, to be
3		paid by Odoo;
4	F.	Appropriate equitable and injunctive relief to remedy violations, including but not
5		necessarily limited to an order enjoining Odoo from continuing its unlawful
6		practices under the New York Wage Laws and/or a declaration that Odoo's acts
7		violate the New York Wage Laws;
8	K.	A reasonable service award to compensate Plaintiff Carr for the time he spent
9		attempting to recover wages for New York Class members and for the risks they
10		took in doing so;
11	L.	Attorneys' fees and costs of suit;
12	M.	Prejudgment and post-judgment interest, as provided by law; and
13	N.	Such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.
14		JURY DEMAND
15	Plaint	iffs demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.
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